

Appl. No. 09/783,831

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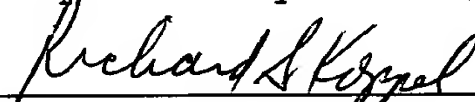
REMARKS:

Claims 1-51 were allowed in the December 28, 2004 Office action, while 52-58 were rejected over newly cited Patent No. 3,726,006 to Muckelroy. In response, claims 52-58 are canceled herein. The only other change to the claims made by this amendment is the correction of a typo in claim 7 ("bonded" was misspelled as "boned").

Claims 52-58 have been canceled to expedite the issuance of a patent on the allowed claims. Applicant makes no concession as to any alleged unpatentability of the cancelled claims, which will be the subject of a continuation application.

Since all of the claims remaining in the application have been allowed (subject to the typo in claim 7), the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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